

rate of 20% and 35% *ad-valorem* with effect from 1 3 92 In addition, a special excise duty of 15% of the basic duty is also liveable, which make the total incidence of duty to be 23% and 40 25% As the rates of duty have been revised recently, there is no proposal to modify the structure of excise duty on Paint Industry at present

### **Production of Colour Picture Tubes**

2433 SHRI SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Andhra Pradesh Electronic Development Corporation has applied for a licence to produce colour picture tubes in collaboration with M/s Philips of Holland,

(b) if so, the latest steps of this proposal,

(c) whether the M/s Videocon has also evinced interest to take up this as joint venture, and

(d) the time by which the proposal is likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA) (a) to (d) A composite proposal for expansion of capacity and foreign collaboration for manufacture of colour picture tubes was received from M/s Andhra Pradesh Electronics Development Corporation Ltd (APEDC) The application was registered by Secretariat for Industrial Approvals (SIA) on 11 4 86 The proposal was not accepted by the Government of India M/s APEDC represented against this decision in December, 1988 Meanwhile, the collaborator of M/s APEDC, namely M/s Philips, Holland, informed the Government of India that they had withdrawn their offer of collaboration with M/s APEDC and terminated all its past arrangements for technology transfer

for the manufacture of colour picture tubes Subsequently, however, M/s Philips changed their decision and offered to transfer technology for manufacture of colour picture tubes to M/s APEDC and/or M/s Videocon The Government of Andhra Pradesh and M/s APEDC have no objection to the consideration of application of M/s Videocon for the grant of licence for the manufacture of Colour picture tubes in collaboration with M/s Philips, Holland provided

1 M/s Videocon set up the plant in the State of Andhra Pradesh only

2 3-5% equity participation by M/s APEDC in the project

3 Reimbursement of prior pre operative expenditure incurred by M/s APEDC in the project

4 Nomination of one Director from Government of Andhra Pradesh on the Board of Directors of the company

M/s Videocon has confirmed the location of their plant for manufacture of colour picture tubes in the State of Andhra Pradesh There is no proposal from M/s Videocon to take up this project as a Joint Venture However, the proposal of M/s Videocon is under consideration of the Government of India

### **Law for Persons Become Handicapped on Duty**

2434 SHRIMATI MARAGATHAM CHANDRASEKHAR Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce any law for the workers who become permanently handicapped while rendering service, and